

March 21, 2007

Annual meeting of Anthony fire district board of directors

Board members Attendance:

Edward Webster

Pat Lohrer Lefebvre

Domenic Terracciano

Shirley Matthews

Clerk:

Antonio Neves

Minutes of the meeting:

7:04pm meeting starts

Webster: agenda item #1, discussions on tax exempt status for elderly and disabled residents.

Lefebvre: the status for the disabled tax exempt is still being worked on, the town already has a elderly tax exempt.

Webster: agenda item #2, discussions on 12 lead life pack system.

Terracciano: I support the new 12 lead life pack system; I feel that it is a worth while endeavor and expense, Mike status on the grants and input about it

Mike: we have a verbal agreement from Clariant for \$1000.00, nothing other than that, I will still keep applying for grants in the mean time.

Lefebvre & Webster: how can we help?

Mike: we have to troll the community with the chief

Terracciano: we should look into the local businesses are willing to help with the cost.

Audience: why do we need one?

Terracciano: the new system provides more information on the patient enabling better care.

Lefebvre: saves time in route to hospital

Audience: is the 3 lead life pack need replacing?

Chief Warren: it still works, but the 12 lead is better technology

Board and audience discussion on D-fib

Board and audience discussion on 12 lead life pack

Webster: agenda item #3 discussion and update on status of citizens advisory board.

Lefebvre: we have 10 individuals interested in the citizen advisory board we still need to get statements of interest.

Audience: what will be the function of the advisory board?

Lefebvre: the advisory board will make recommendations and assist the board, there is nothing set in stone.

Board and audience discussion on possible services provided by citizen advisory board

Webster: agenda item # 4, discussion on water cooler, newspaper and rental property next door to the firehouse.

Matthews: the board has voted not to renew the newspaper subscription or the water cooler, we did receive a complaint that buckets and other articles are being rinsed in the kitchen sink as opposed to being taken care of in the garage, there is the upstairs kitchen and that can be used for drinking. As for the rental property next door, as soon as they are out we will secure the building and turn off all utilities to the building, we agreed to give the second floor

tenant more time to find an apartment as long as the rent is being paid we will not give that option to the first floor tenant.

Board members and audience discussion on securing the next door apartment building.

Audience: you should post building as no trespassing

Mathews: Hillsdale is posted as no trespassing, we do not want to insure it, the insurance is too expensive.

Audience: is the first floor tenant up to date on back rent?

Board members: the first floor tenant owes \$9,000 and an agreement was made to pay back rent and get out

Audience: what are the plans for the building?

Mathews: we will not sell the building, we will raise it and make it into a new parking lot as was the real nature of purchase of the building.

Webster: agenda item #5, public comment and discussion.

Audience: tax rate will affect fire tax rate

Board members and audience discussion on how the new tax rate

hike will affect the fire tax rate.

Audience: how will the 35% tax rate increase come into play?

Terracciano: the board was not in office at time of the increase, the numbers were provided by the past administration.

Board members and audience discussion on 35% fire tax rate increase

Terracciano: the tax increase reflects the cost of expenses and was approved at the annual tax meeting

Board member discussion on keeping the tax rate down and keeping safety first

Audience: with a 35% tax increase, what does the district get?

Deputy Chief Hartman: we have expenses that need to be paid

Board members discussion on fire hydrant installation and ownership

Board members and audience discussion on new furnace, we will need one

Audience: fire fighter overtime

Chief Warren: there is an investigation on overtime to get it down

Terracciano: boiler, should be budgeted, this is the first years for a budget.

Board member discussion on budgeting for capital expenditure.

Audience: new equipment, is it happening?

Board members: we are working on it

Audience: the town evaluation, will the fire tax stay the same or go down?

Audience: fire alarm system condition

Chief Warren: we will be updating it soon

Board members and audience discussion on alarm system update

Audience: what is going on with the merger?

Webster: that is not for discussion

Audience: for the charter to be changed to board of directors from

board of engineers any responsibility are now your job as a board, as a board you have to be actively addressing merger as was the responsibility of the board of engineers.

Webster: the chair is looking into the merger

Audience: there needs to be research done on the merger before we merge with the other departments

Board members and audience discussion on merger

Audience: meeting advertisement.

Lefebvre: advertising of meetings are done in accordance of the law

Mathews: the next meeting will be held on April 4 2007

8:17pm Mathews: motion to adjourn open meeting

Webster: motion to adjourn open meeting

Lefebvre: second

Webster: all in favor

Board members: aye

Webster: meeting adjourned